

SCHOOL BONDS

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The following questions are continued from the series first published last week relating to the coming school bond election. Other questions and answers will appear next week. If you have any questions to ask, send them to this office.

Question—For what will the money be used?

Answer—The purpose is to obtain funds to rehabilitate and strengthen all school buildings in the Los Angeles city school district. It will not be used for new plants, other than replacements. The bond issue will not be used for the purchase of land, payment of salaries, or any general running expenses or interest on other bond issues.

Question—How will the bond issue be divided among the three school districts?

Answer—The amount to be financed from the bond issue is divided as follows:

Elementary \$10,839,937
High School 9,416,133
Junior College 156,237

Total \$20,412,107

These estimates make no allowance for a federal grant to be received in connection with the proposed bond issue. Should a federal grant be received on the entire issue of \$20,412,107, it would reduce the amount to be financed.

Question—How much will be spent for replacing damaged buildings?

Answer—In the elementary schools it seems necessary to replace buildings containing 338 rooms at a cost of approximately \$2,200,000. Among the high schools are buildings comprising nearly 500 rooms and five auditoriums, which cannot be economically repaired. The approximate cost of

replacement is \$2,946,000.

The total of these two items of replacement—elementary and high—is \$5,146,000.

Question—How much money will be spent for repairs of damaged buildings?

Answer—There are 993 elementary rooms which can be put back into use if properly repaired. The estimated cost is \$2,199,000. Among the high schools there are 300 classroom units and 12 auditoriums in a similar state. The repair of this group will cost \$3,049,000.

Question—How much money will be spent on existing buildings which were not materially affected by the quake, but which must be strengthened to conform to the new safety law?

Answer—This class of buildings involves the greatest problem. The estimated cost of making these structures safe for our children is nearly \$20,000,000.

It must be borne in mind that the recent quake was local in its effect, and if a shake of the same intensity had occurred throughout the whole school district, weaknesses might have been revealed in buildings which now appear sufficiently substantial and are intact.

Question—How much help have we already received from the federal government?

Answer—The board has at present (1) cash from the sale of bonds to United Rehabilitation Corporation \$1,145,000. (2) Bonds to the amount of \$5,633,000 to be purchased by the federal government (P.W.A.) and (3) an estimated grant (i.e. gift) of \$2,565,000, to be received from the federal government (P.W.A.) the application for which has been approved on a tentative basis. These three items—gifts and bonds—total \$9,343,000.

The board also has \$1,500,000 additional cash on hand, making its total resources (as of February 13, 1934), \$10,876,000. This amount subtracted from the engineers' total estimated requirements for rehabilitation, namely \$31,287,497, leaves \$20,412,107—which is the amount of the proposed bond issue.

Question—How much of the bond issue will go for labor?

Answer—It is safe to say that 75% of the bond issue will reach laborers.

Question—What is the plan for retiring the bonds?

Answer—The bonds will be retired in 25 equal annual payments during the 25 years of the bond issue. This means that they will be paid off at a rate of approximately \$816,000 per year, beginning with the first year after the bonds are voted.

Question—How will the bond issue, if passed, affect my taxes?

Answer—The average annual increase will be nine cents for each \$100 of assessed valuation. This is equivalent to \$4.50 a year for a piece of property having an assessed valuation of \$5000.00, and certainly is cheap insurance.

Question—What is the bonding capacity of our school system, and what percentage of that capacity has been reached.

Answer—Elementary: Bonding capacity, \$70,667,351; present bonded indebtedness, Dec. 31, 1933, \$33,657,470; percent of bonding capacity reached, 47.63%. High School: Bonding capacity, \$73,969,241; present bonded indebtedness, Dec. 31, 1933, \$26,648,119; percent of bonding capacity reached, 36.03%. Junior College: Bonding capacity, \$73,969,241.

Torrance, Elementary, High School and Junior College: Bonding capacity, \$218,605,833; present bonded indebtedness, Dec. 31, 1933, \$60,303,619; percent of bonding capacity reached, 27.59%.

Compton Couple Held For Burglary

Hearing will be held tomorrow morning in the Lomita township justice court on the case against Harold Wearne and Hazel Wearne, 511 West Cedar street, Compton, who are accused of burglary. The complainant is W. M. Dawson, of Lomita.

Suspicion against the couple was confirmed by Mrs. Dawson who gained entrance to the Wearne home in Compton recently on a pretext, and recognized articles which are said to have been removed from the Dawson home. The arrest of the couple followed.

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Assessment Roll to Be Completed First of April

County Assessor Advises Procedure Under New Motor Law

With taxes on personal property becoming liens against real property at 12 o'clock noon last Monday, March 5, County Assessor Ed Hopkins announced today that assessments for 1933-34 will be completed approximately April 1.

Taxes are levied on both real and personal property as it exists at noon on the first Monday in March, Hopkins explained.

Hopkins also called attention again today to the new law that provides that no certificate of registration will be issued by the department of motor vehicles unless it is shown by proper endorsement on the reverse side of the white certificate that all taxes for the current fiscal year have been paid.

If the owner of the automobile also owns real property it is sufficient to show that the amount of the tax has been made a lien upon real property, Hopkins quotes from the 1933 Taxpayers' Guide.

"At the time your annual statement is taken by the deputy assessor, a receipt will be issued to you showing that the motor vehicle tax has been made a lien against your real estate."

"Main this receipt or explain it to any one of the assessor's offices with the white certificate after August 1."

"In those instances where the county assessor also does the assessing for the municipality, only one endorsement is necessary. If there is a separate city assessor, it will be necessary to have the white certificate endorsed by the city assessor as well as by the county assessor."

"If you live in Santa Monica, Whittier, Long Beach, Pasadena, Arcadia, Azusa, El Monte, Manhattan Beach, it will be necessary to obtain the two endorsements, one from the county assessor and one from the city assessor."



TROOP 4
LEE BURNS, Reporter

Neil Cramer was the winner of inspection and will receive a pass to the Torrance Theatre.

An inter-troop rally is to be held the second Friday of the month.

Scoutmaster Jones who has done so much toward making Troop 4 the successful organization that it now is, has given up his duties as scoutmaster since he was unable to hold two offices—commissioner and scoutmaster.

Harold Jacobs took over command at last meeting and is now scoutmaster.

Mr. Locke, Henry Grubb, Ray Begue and Bob Lewellen are committeemen for the troop. They were all guests at the last meeting.

TROOP 3
JOE BATT, Reporter

Nineteen boys of Troop 3 went on their eighth annual snow trip to Jackson's Lake, in the Los Angeles playground area, last Saturday, where they found a lot of snow and had a hilarious time skating, coasting and tobogganing.

The meeting of Friday, March 2, was called to order at 7:15 p. m. with the two assistant scoutmasters in charge. Roll was called

and dues were paid. The minutes were read and corrected.

Former Scoutmaster Robert Lewellen gave the boys their last instructions regarding the annual snow trip to Big Pines on March 3 and 4.

Scoutmaster Fred Marsteller discovered he could not remain away from the troop, and arrived late in the evening.

The 19 boys who went on the snow trip presented themselves at the Scout hall at 6 o'clock Saturday morning, turned in their money to Clarence Bay, the junior scoutmaster.

The truck loaned by the D & M Machine Works started at 7 o'clock and arrived at the camp at 11 o'clock.

There wasn't much snow to speak of around the camp but up the mountain there were places where it was a foot and a half deep. The truck and boys left the camp at 2 o'clock and went down to Big Pines tourist camp to see the ski jumps. They were all good jumps and the Big Pines record was broken by six feet. The boys arrived home at 5:15 Sunday night.

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ing their own welfare and indirectly that of their employes will be time enough to consider such a proposition.

The board of directors adopted another resolution to officials of our state, county, and to municipalities, requesting them wherever possible to use locally manufactured products in order to assist in the solution of the unemployment problem.

Permission was granted by the chamber directors for the use of the chamber-rooms by the Torrance recreational and playground committee to conduct adult classes in chess, another activity recently adopted by that committee in its expanded program.

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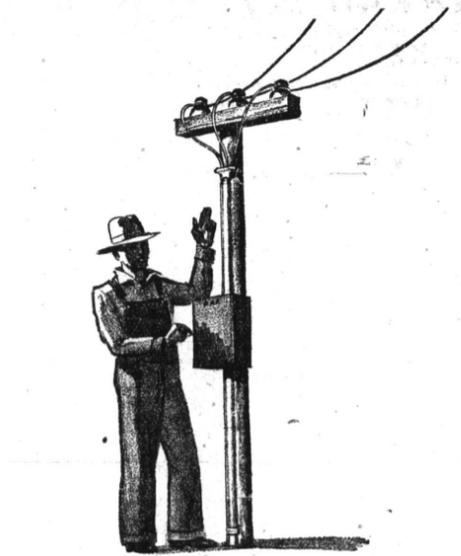
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